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Commencement

Commencement Exercises for the Class of 1997 were held on May 19 at the Zellerbach Theatre at Annenberg Center on campus. The class of 84 women 33 men is the largest to graduate from the School, bringing the total number of Penn Veterinary graduates to 5,326: 1,455 women and 3,871 men. It was a festive and cheerful event and the

auditorium was filled to capacity with members of the students' families.

The commencement address was delivered by John A. Shaddock, D.V.M., Ph.D., former dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University, executive vice president, operations, Heska Corporation, Ft. Collins, CO.

Dean Kelly presented the diplomas,

assisted by Drs. Richard O. Davies, Urs Giger and Charles D. Newton. Dr. Patricia Sertich assisted the dean with the awarding of prizes. Dr. Suzanne Smith, V'82, president of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society, presented the Class Flag and Dr. Willi K.E. Weichelt, V'64, president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, administered the Veterinarian's Oath.



Presentation of the diploma by Dean Kelly.

Presentation of the Class Flag by VMAS President Dr. Suzanne Smith to Scott Weber, class president.



Class of 1997

Christopher Lawrence Allen*
David Henry Allgeier
Dexter Archer
Kimberly Dawn Ashford
Bonnie Sue Barr
Amy Irene Bentz
Laura Beres
Aimé Greene Berman
Danielle Mary Bistrichan
Jennifer Lynn Bouma
Barbara Dorothy Bower
Matthew Bruce Buck
Elizabeth Marion Bunting***
Michele Marie Campellone
Jodi Lynn Carlson
Jennifer Marie Carolan
Renée Marie Carpentier***
Kelly Ann Caruso
Jennifer Chaitman
Bryan Cherry**
Jaime Ann Collins**
Stacy Lyn Conarello
Nancy Jo Costa
Sarah Jova Cutler
Kathleen Napoli Davis
Regina Carole DeLorenzo
Robert Guerino DiGregorio
Jennifer Ann Dobson
Laurie Elizabeth Dohmen
Emily Louise Elliot

Carol Lynne Falck
Amy Anne Fauth
Amanda Elizabeth Fine
Dina Lauren Fox
Melanie Doreen Friedman
Stacy Heigo Fuchino
Michael Fugaro
Zeev Gans
Jennifer Helen Gilbert
Audrey Rebecca Greenstein
William Joseph Griffin
Henrietta Frances Haberstroh
Eveline Han***
Christine Noel Harshbarger***
Michelle Gibson Hawkins
Amy Alexandra Hinc**
Kaisa Helena Hodgkins
Russell H. C. Howe-Smith
Kelly A. Hullihen
Judy Tzi Shang Hung
Anita Impellizeri
Alisa Iriye
Pamela Joyce
Brian Andrew Karolewski
Christopher Keefe
Jennifer Lynn Kramer
Keith Eric Krebs***
Kirsten Jardine Kruer
Sarah L. Lavelly
Sherif Milad Lawendy

Daniel Lenhard
John Robert Lewis**
Christopher A. Lindquist**
John Douglas Maniatty
John Matthew Marcus
Scott Frederick Martens***
Anita Lynn McMillen
Mary Jane McNamee
Eugene Leonard Metzger
Lisa Ann Murphy
Margaret Anne Murphy
Rosanne Kay Myers
Ronald Allen Nash
Robert John Noto
Kelly Anne O'Connor
Kathleen Keiko Ogawa
Tammy Sue O'Roark
Walter Hyland Orth III
Rebecca Jo Ozimok
Robert Charles Panaccio, Jr.
Kelly Ann Papke
Lori Michele Perkins
Christine Elizabethann Phipps
Scott Allen Polo*
Mary Jane Potter*
Regina Lyn Quay
Malathy Rao***
Nirit Judith Rosenberg
Jonathan David Roth
Joanna Rubin

Michelle Lynne Rupp
Emi Kate Saito
Jennifer Marie Schneider
Patricia Akemi Schweibenz
Renee Frances Senz
Bonnie Hayes Shope
Katherine Ann Sinko
Mark Andrew Smith
Karen Eileen Spiegler†
Sarah Spikes
Starfinder Stanley
Arthur Bowers Stitzer IV
Andrea Denise Straka*
Maren Nina Troum
Robin Jill Turin
Erin duFief Vicari
Karen Lynn Watson
Ernest Philip Weber III
Meredith Lee Weltner
Helen Wheeler-Aceto*
Tracy Anne Winters*
Jenny Ann Witthoff
Melissa Anne Wyatt
Marie Yakubik
Michael Hua Yuan
Richard Allen Zappala II
Miriam Beth Ziering
***Summa Cum Laude
**Magna Cum Laude
*Cum Laude
†presented posthumously



Awarding of Honors by Dr. Charles Newton.



Hooding of the graduates by Dr. Urs Giger and Dr. Richard O. Davies.



Commencement speaker John A. Shadduck, D.V.M., Ph.D.



Awarding of the prizes by Dr. Patricia Sertich.



Award Recipients

Leonard Pearson Prize
Malathy Rao

J. B. Lippincott Prize
Scott Frederick Martens

1930 Class Prize in Surgery
John Robert Lewis

Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association Prize
Ernest Philip Weber III

Auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association Prize—Small Animal Award
Scott Frederick Martens

Auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association Prize—Large Animal Award
John Matthew Marcus

1956 Class Medal for Achievement in Pathology
Christine Noel Harshbarger

James Hazlitt Jones Prize in Biochemistry
Scott Frederick Martens

American Animal Hospital Association Award
Keith Eric Krebs

Merck Small Animal Award
Jaime Ann Collins

Merck Large Animal Award
David Henry Allgeier

George M. Palmer Prize
Arthur Bowers Stitzer, IV

Everingham Prize for Cardiology
Christopher Lawrence Allen

Large Animal Surgery Prize
David Henry Allgeier

Large Animal Medicine Prize
Bonnie Sue Barr

Morris L. Ziskind Prize in Food Animal Medicine
Amanda Elizabeth Fine

Morris L. Ziskind Prize in Public Health
Amy Alexandra Hinc

Hill's Award
Patricia Akemi Schweibenz

Pharmacia & Upjohn Small Animal Award
William Joseph Griffin

Pharmacia & Upjohn Large Animal Award
Helen Wheeler-Aceto

Faculty/SCAVMA Prize
Scott Allen Polo

American College of Veterinary Surgeons Small Animal Surgery Prize
Christopher A. Lindquist

American College of Veterinary Surgeons Large Animal Surgery Prize
Amanda Elizabeth Fine

American Association of Feline Practitioners Award
Renee Frances Senz

Phi Zeta Award
Bryan Cherry

Anatomy Prize
Helen Wheeler-Aceto

American College of Veterinary Radiology Award
Scott Frederick Martens

Iams/VECCS Award for Excellence in Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Medicine
Russell H. C. Howe-Smith